

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 06-12-19**

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Commission Meeting: December 19, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2006.10.158 (Eric D)

On October 30, 2006, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4). The modified tariff sheet establishes a new Heating Zone 500

for customers located downstream of the Billings Border Station that are currently in Heating Zone 13. The proposed Heating Zone 500 will account for the heating value of gas delivered through NorthWestern Energy's interconnection and gas received from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's interconnection. Probable Motion: Approve the establishment of MDU's Heating Zone 500.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.175 (Gary)

On November 30, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Government Service Authority (GSA) Region 8. Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of bidding on a RFP issued by the United States Government in February of 2006 to provide various telecommunications services within Qwest's incumbent territory. The RFP sought bids from multiple providers. The MSA was noticed on December 12, 2006, and no comments were received. Probable Motion: Move to approve the Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest Corporation and Government Service Authority Region 8 in Docket No. N2006.11.175.

3. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.179 (Gary)

On December 4, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Enterprise Rent a Car Company of Montana/Wyoming (Enterprise). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of Qwest and Enterprise adding Montana to the existing MSA which did not originally include Montana, and therefore had not been filed in Montana. Enterprise engaged in discussion with multiple providers in order to obtain the most attractive price for the telecommunications services it was seeking. The MSA was noticed on December 12, 2006, and no comments have been received. Probable Motion: Move to approve the Multi-State Agreement

(MSA) between Qwest Corporation and Enterprise Rent a Car of Montana/Wyoming in Docket N2006.11.179.

4. Sprint N2006.12.177 (Scott)

On November 29, 2006, Sprint requested changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. This filing corrects Sprint 1000 Weekends Option a monthly recurring charge language that was inadvertently changed in a prior filing. Probable Motion: Approve Sprint's request to change its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1 in Docket N2006.12.177.

5. CenturyTel N2006.12.178 (Scott)

On December 1, 2006, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 06-11. In this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer a promotion for 90 days. The Company will waive the nonrecurring charges applicable to the installation of additional resident or business access lines, including additional Centrex or Key Lines. This offer does not include PBX trunks. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's Transmittal No. 06-11 in Docket N2006.12.178.

6. Qwest N2006.12.180 (Scott)

On December 6, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-20 Duplicate Bill Charge. In this filing Qwest is proposing to offer customers alternatives in getting duplicate bills that are older than 6 months. Due to a recent IRS decision whereby the IRS will be providing a refund of Federal Excise Tax on certain services paid on bills from March 2003 through July of 2006, an increased number of customers could be expected to request reprints for multiple months of bills. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-20 in Docket N2006.12.180.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.6.81 – Qwest – Business and residence customer incentive programs – Act on Qwest's request to suspend schedule. (12/19/06)

2. D2005.6.105 – PSC Initiated – Qwest USF investigation – Discussion, direction, action on contracting with expert witness, other matters as necessary. (12/19/06)
3. D2006.1.2 – PSC Initiated – MDU gas and electric USB review – Discussion, direction, action on issuing notice of complaint, other matters as necessary. (12/19/06)
4. Cost allocation for regionally beneficial economic transmission projects in the Midwest ISO – Review and vote upon draft comments prepared the by the Organization of MISO States (OMS). (12/19/06)
5. Montana Shared Catalogue – Placeholder to discuss new information on membership costs, etc. (12/19/06)
6. **12/20/06 9:00 a.m.** – FCC CC 01-92 – Intercarrier compensation – Discuss any and all matters related to the filing of reply comments regarding the subject of phantom traffic and related topics. (12/20/06)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest N2006.12.182 (Scott)

On December 8, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-21, 2007 Super Offer Promotion. Qwest is planning to offer an 89-day Primary Rate Service (PRS) and Digital Switched Service (DSS) promotion to Retail and Wholesale business customers in Montana. This PRS/DSS promotion is only available to Retail and Wholesale business customers.

2. AT &T N2006.12.183 (Scott)

On December 8, 2006, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2006-16. In this filing AT&T requests to make text changes for AT &T Prepaid Phone Service, decrease the AT&T Branded Prepaid Phone Card in-state decrements from 8 to 5, and increase the SmarTalk and ConQuest in-state decrement from 1 to 5.

3. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc N2006.12.185 (Scott)

On December 7, 2006, CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal No. 06-12. CenturyTel is proposing to offer the following promotion: For a period of 90 days beginning January 6, 2007, residential customers who subscribe for a 12 month commitment can receive an access line, 256k DLS with Anti-Virus protection, 100 minutes of long distance calling (\$0.12 per minute over 100 minutes), Voice Messaging, Call Waiting, and Call Forwarding for a package price of \$48.95 in the Hungry Horse and Kalispell exchanges and for \$50.95 in all other exchanges. Applicable nonrecurring charges are also waived.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2006.12.181 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for Luzenac America to Return to NorthWestern Energy Default Supply

N2006.12.182 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-21, 2007 Super Offer Promotion

N2006.12.183 – AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. – Tariff Transmittal 2006-16, Revisions to Consumer Communications Services Tariff

N2006.12.185 – CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. – Tariff Transmittal No. 06-12, Proposed Promotion

D2006.12.186 – Qwest Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC – Application for Approval of Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services